

**HSR 170--ADOPTED**

Mr. Heatly and Mr. Martin offered the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Perhaps the friendliest and, certainly, one of the most highly respected members of the Texas House of Representatives is its dean and speaker pro tempore, the Honorable Richard C. (Dick) Slack; and

WHEREAS, A 24-year veteran of the House, this esteemed gentleman who represents District 69, comprised of Crane, Ector, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler Counties, has accumulated a vast number of friends in both Houses of the legislature during his long tenure and those who know him say that he has never lost one: "Once Dick Slack is a friend, he is always a friend"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Slack's concern for his fellow Texans dates to his teenage years: he served in Texas' famed 36th Division of the United States Army during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star for action on the Anzio beachhead in Italy; after 17 years of service in the Texas National Guard and the United States Army Reserve, he retired in 1963 with the rank of colonel; and

WHEREAS, From 1948 through 1952, he was county judge of Reeves County and has been active in civic affairs in Pecos ever since he made that city his home: he has served both the Pecos Rotary Club and the Pecos Community Chest as president, and, in 1968, the Pecos Chamber of Commerce named him the city's outstanding citizen; and

WHEREAS, During his long tenure in the Texas House of Representatives, he has provided leadership for major legislation and has served as chairman of such important committees as Rules, Oil, Gas and Mining (for four different legislative sessions), Municipal and Private Corporations, and Commerce and Manufacturing; he has also served as vice-chairman of the prestigious Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, During the current Regular Session of the 64th Legislature, Representative Slack, in addition to his office of speaker pro tempore, is serving on the Appropriations Committee and the Energy Resources Committee, both critical areas of state government; and

WHEREAS, Despite the many demands of his public involvement, he is a highly successful businessman engaged in farming, ranching, and oil production; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mrs. Ruby Stephens Slack and the late Clay H. Slack, Dick Slack is possessed of the same love of people, warmth of personality, and

hospitable nature which made the home of his parents in Presidio famous through the years as a mecca for friends and acquaintances and even strangers, all of whom could be assured an ever hearty welcome; and

WHEREAS, Representative Slack and his family--his lovely wife, Charlotte; a daughter, Anne, who is an education major at The University of Texas at Austin; a daughter, Cynthia, who is a student in Pecos High School; and a son, Clay, who is a cadet at West Point--have been great favorites in the legislative family of the many legislatures in which he has served; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the House of Representatives of the 64th Legislature of the State of Texas honor one of its own, a conscientious and dedicated member of the House, a public official who puts his constituents and state government first, his own well-being second; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 64th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby commend the Honorable Richard C. (Dick) Slack, speaker pro tempore and dean of the Texas House of Representatives, for exemplary service and statesmanship during his 24-year tenure in the House, and that he be honored also for serving his district and all citizens of Texas as a good steward of state government; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for Representative Slack and the members of his family, a symbol of the esteem and affection which the members of the House hold for Dick, his wife, and his children.

The resolution was read and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Short, the names of all the members of the House were added to **HSR 170** as signers thereof.